ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract:

Detection of items stored in a computer system such as computer code, data or information includes obtaining signatures characteristic of programs of interest such as steganographic ~~stenanographic~~ programs. A signature is obtained by reading code from a program of interest. The code may consist of the first 500 bytes from a .DLL ~~.DDL~~ file taken from the programs' core steganographic ~~steganogrpahie~~ kernel. This code is then the signature. The computer system ~~systems~~ compares the signature with files it holds, other than files on a prearranged exclusion list. If a signature is found to match data in a file, the filename, the finding of steganography in it, the file location and the matched signature are recorded by the computer system for output to its user.